

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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Toward Communion across Difference in the Episcopal Diocese of Albany Statement on the Implementation of General Convention Resolution 2018-B012

That they may all be one ... so that the world may believe. (John 17:21)

1. We seek the renewing and rebuilding of our diocesan community in the aftermath of an ecclesiastical trial conviction and subsequent resignation of our bishop.
2. We grieve the loss of brothers and sisters who have left the Episcopal Church for another denomination.
3. We cherish our membership in the Anglican Communion, “those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury” (Preamble to the Constitution of General Convention).
4. We support the adoption of the [Anglican Communion Covenant](#) “in order to live more fully into the ecclesial communion and interdependence which is foundational to the Churches of the Anglican Communion,” and to join in global discernment of controversial and divisive matters.
5. We desire to move forward with the mission of the Church “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP p. 855).
6. At the same time, our Standing Committee as a body, in the words of General Convention [Resolution 2018-B012](#), “holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples.”
7. Therefore, in this interim period before the election and consecration of our next bishop, in order to comply with Resolution 2018-B012, we direct all clergy who desire to use such rites for same-sex couples, with the advice and input of the congregation’s Vestry, to contact our Assisting Bishop to work out on our behalf the details of a Letter of Agreement for supplemental episcopal pastoral support.
8. We pledge ourselves to work with one another in a spirit of mutual respect in the midst of “theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality” (Resolution 2018-B012).

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